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## IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

by Joan Murry

Christmas season is traditionally a time of sharing, and the staff of USD came together on Dec. 19 to celebrate Christmas in that most meaningful spirit.

The staff brought food and drink to share with each other, decorations for the tree, and gifts for the orphaned children of Casa de Cuna Catolica.

The spirit of sharing added a special touch to the party, and all who participated enjoyed the festivities and food. Prior to the start of the party, Physical Plant & Grounds deposited boxes of clothing and other gifts they had collected. Gifts of canned food, baby food, diapers, clothing, and toys covered the table beneath the Christmas tree by the end of the day. Later, all the gifts were transported to the children who have such a great need in Tijuana.

The theme of the party was inspired by Sr. Sarre's long and dedicated concern for the 120 orphans cared for by six Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Although Sr. Sarre's involvement spans many years, only during the past four years has she been able to personally deliver donated goods. Primarily a professor of Spanish at

USD, Sr. Sarre finds her greatest satisfaction doing "things I can do as a Sister, but can't do as a teacher." Her commitment to the children of Casa de Cuna Catolica is one of such satisfaction.

Eight cars delivered the contributed Christmas gifts to the orphanage, and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart send the message, "The staff of USD will be remembered in our prayers, for without these gifts, the orphanage could not survive."

In the spirit of Christmas, the staff party was a success. It became a reality through the combined efforts and generosity of many. The SEA Entertainment Committee sends special thanks to "Bob Bullock for providing the tree; to the media center for the music; to Sr. McMonagle for the cake; to Personnel for providing invitations and lights; to Food Service for use of the dining room and other help; and to all the staff who brought items to share."

To help bring the spirit of Christmas to the orphanage during the remainder of the year, donations of nonperishable food items and useable clothing may be brought to Sr. Sarre's office (158B Founders).

## IT'S A QUESTION OF RESOLUTION

By D.R. Watson

This is a time of the year when many of us, looking back on December 31st with a clearer eye, ask in wonder, "I said WHAT?" It's a rude but common way to learn of one's New Year's Resolutions. Some resolutions are probably better permanently lost in the bubbly haze of New Year's Eve, but many are worthwhile commitments to personal betterment. There is, however, a long overlooked aspect of this ancient tradition of commitment to a better future.

Consider for a moment the economic impact of New Year's Resolutions, both kept and broken. How many smokers do you imagine raised their glasses in solemn salute on New Year's Eve and resolved that the next cigarette would be their last? If they all maintained their determination, what would happen to the economy of Virginia? Suppose that everyone who resolved to lose 10 pounds (or 30) actually carried through—imagine the nose dive in sales of potato chips and ice cream! Panic in the boardrooms of Frito-Lay and Hagen-daz! On the other hand, what a boon to the retail outlets and clothing manufacturers as these born-again skinnies rush out to buy new duds to drape about their pared-down frames.

Clearly, we have here potential multimillion dollar impact across a wide and unpredictable range of industries. We have it on good authority that this potentially disruptive economic force has



Photo by Sandra Edelman

# S.E.A. Notes

## Staff Employee Association



**SEA MINUTES 11-25-80:** The Entertainment Committee opted for a staff tree-trimming party Friday, 12 - 19. . . Each staff member to bring one ornament plus one donation of food and/or new or used clothing to benefit Sr. Sarre's orphanage project. Subcommittees were formed to carry out this plan.

Dave Navarro and his committee met with L. Watson to discuss the sick leave incentive plan. This project will be followed up at the January meeting.

By-Law changes were discussed and will be finalized and published after the first of the new year.

**SEA MINUTES 12-17-80:** Topic was finalization of plans for the Christmas party. DeSales Dining Room was to be the site. \$85 was collected for refreshments. Approximately 75 people stated they would attend.

(Note: The Christmas party was a success and Sr. Sarre was very appreciative of the donations.)

# F. Y. I

● All Spanish speaking members of the USD staff are cordially invited to participate in a workshop given by the Diocese of San Diego Hispanic Evangelization Team in Camino Lounge on Saturday, February 14, from 9 to 4. Its purpose is to teach us how to become "Visitadores por Cristo". There is no registration fee. For more details contact Sister Sarre or call Mr. Roberto Martinez at 297-7117.

● February 1st at 8:30 a.m. Channel 4, USD will be featured on the television program "On Campus". Host George Fenneman tours the campus with USD President Hughes and later visits San Diego's historic Gaslamp Quarter for a firsthand view of some examples of the university's community involvement.

## The Jaundiced Eye

Films Reviewed by Sandra Edelman

**THE MIRROR CRACK'D.** For anyone who has been a fan of Agatha Christie mystery novels, Miss Marple, or the inimitable Margaret Rutherford, going to this film is like ordering a scotch and soda and receiving a glass of lukewarm Gatorade instead. Probably Christie's stories should only be tackled by the British, those great eccentrics (among whom was a Lord Somebodyorother who rode an alligator, both stark naked, through the streets of London), because this plainly American effort is a dismal failure. Angela Lansbury was handed a soggy script which neither

matches her talents nor affords her the kind of wonderful crustiness Margaret Rutherford conveyed; Elizabeth Taylor and Kim Novak as two aging movie queens making comebacks turn in performances which explain the title of the film; and the plotline has all the integrity of a slice of swiss cheese. It isn't even bad enough to be fun; if you're expecting High Camp, resign yourself to a small tent pitched on the banks of the Lower Hudson. Save your money. Or buy the book.

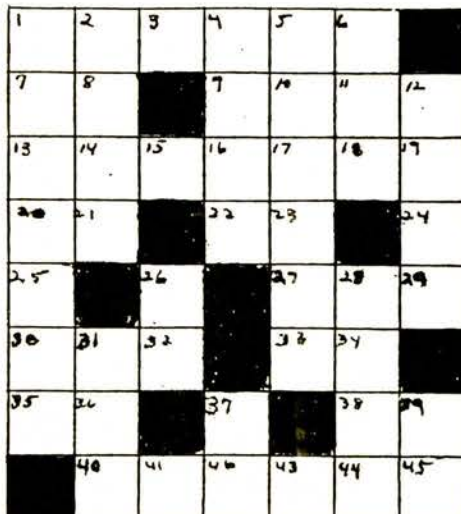
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not escaped the notice of Washington. Rumor has it that a major challenge facing the new Administration will be a Congressional drive to establish a Federal Bureau of Resolutions. The proposed FBR would be chartered "to monitor and regulate the broad socio-economic impact of annual and other periodic, recurring and non-recurring, resolutions." Says Senator Watts Laissez-Faire (D. La), the major proponent of the bill, "What we see is every citizen filing a Resolution Impact Report with the FBR before implementing his New Year's Resolution.

Whatever your feelings on the proposed legislation, we urge you to express them to your Congressman—let's bring this timely, important issue to a sensible resolution!

# GUESSWORK

by Fran Swank



### DOWN

1. First Month
2. So be it!
4. What couples do at Mid-night on New Year's Eve
5. Expensive Fur
6. A social afternoon gathering
12. Frozen water
26. Opposite of you
28. Capital of Norway
31. O.K., Sure
37. Exclamation of surprise
39. Not off

### ACROSS

1. Short Coat
7. First person singular
9. Makes Angry
13. Reporter, male
20. United Nations (Abbrev.)
22. Yes (Spanish)
27. At this time
30. Whiskey
33. Plural suffix
35. You (Archaic)
38. Behold!
43. One of the four periods of the year.



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